

## IN THE CLAIMS

**Please cancel claims 22 and 43 without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.**

**Please amend claims 24, 25, 30, 34, 36, 44, and 46 as follows.**

**Please rewrite claims 23, 26, 27, 32, 33, 45, 47 and 48 as follows.**

**Please add new claims 49-69.**

22. (Cancelled)

~~23~~ (Currently Rewritten) ~~A modular building structure according to claim 22, A~~  
modular building structure comprising: a service module defining a plurality of connection  
openings, a plurality of building modules each having a first end with an opening, said first end  
of each building module being connected to the service module at a respective connection  
opening such that the opening of the building module is in communication with the connection  
opening of the service module, the service module containing apparatus for the supply and  
distribution of at least one mains service to the building modules, each building module being  
free-standing, and being connected to said supply of at least one mains service, wherein the  
service module is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules, wherein each  
module is an open-ended box configuration.

24 (Currently Amended) A modular building structure according to claim [22 or] ~~23~~,  
wherein the service module has floor and ceiling cavities in which the mains service supplies are  
routed.

~~3~~ 25. (Currently Amended) A modular building structure according to claim [22] ~~23~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein one building module is a dedicated plant room that feeds the mains supply service to the service module.

✓ 26. (Currently Rewritten) ~~A modular building structure according to claim 22, A~~  
modular building structure comprising: a service module defining a plurality of connection  
openings, a plurality of building modules each having a first end with an opening, said first end  
of each building module being connected to the service module at a respective connection  
opening such that the opening of the building module is in communication with the connection  
opening of the service module, the service module containing apparatus for the supply and  
distribution of at least one mains service to the building modules, each building module being  
free-standing, and being connected to said supply of at least one mains service, wherein the  
service module is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules, wherein the  
service module is sectional so that it can be extended or shortened to provide more or less  
connection nodes as required.

✓ 27. (Currently Rewritten) ~~A modular building structure according to claim 22, A~~  
modular building structure comprising: a service module defining a plurality of connection  
openings, a plurality of building modules each having a first end with an opening, said first end  
of each building module being connected to the service module at a respective connection  
opening such that the opening of the building module is in communication with the connection  
opening of the service module, the service module containing apparatus for the supply and  
distribution of at least one mains service to the building modules, each building module being

free-standing, and being connected to said supply of at least one mains service, wherein the service module is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules, wherein there is provided a plurality of service modules, some modules being disposed in a direction transverse to others.

<sup>6</sup>/~~28~~. (Previously Presented) A modular building structure according to claim <sup>5</sup>/~~27~~, wherein the mains service is for waste disposal and each service module is provided with a holding tank that is connected to a lavatory or wash area of an adjacent building module.

<sup>7</sup>/~~29~~. (Previously Presented) A modular building structure according to claim <sup>1</sup>/~~28~~, wherein holding tanks of adjacent service modules are connected by a suction waste pipe.

<sup>8</sup>/~~30~~. (Currently Amended) A modular building structure according to claim [22] <sup>1</sup>/~~23~~, wherein the mains service supply is air conditioning and each service module is fitted with a heat exchanger and has an external pump for evacuation of warm air.

<sup>9</sup>/~~31~~. (Previously Presented) A modular building structure according to claim <sup>8</sup>/~~30~~, wherein each building module also has its own heat exchanger that is connected to the pump and heat exchanger of an adjacent service module.

<sup>10</sup>/~~32~~. (Currently Rewritten) ~~A modular building structure according to claim 22, A~~  
modular building structure comprising: a service module defining a plurality of connection openings, a plurality of building modules each having a first end with an opening, said first end of each building module being connected to the service module at a respective connection opening such that the opening of the building module is in communication with the connection opening of the service module, the service module containing apparatus for the supply and

distribution of at least one mains service to the building modules, each building module being free-standing, and being connected to said supply of at least one mains service, wherein the service module is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules, wherein each adjoining pair of building modules or service modules has apparatus for connecting adjacent modules, the apparatus comprising a housing defining apertures that extend into the structure of each module and a flexible resilient insert that is snugly received in each aperture and bridges the two modules, the insert being supported on a fixing element that is secured to each of the modules.

11 ~~35~~. (Currently Rewritten) ~~A modular building structure according to claim 22, A~~  
modular building structure comprising: a service module defining a plurality of connection openings, a plurality of building modules each having a first end with an opening, said first end of each building module being connected to the service module at a respective connection opening such that the opening of the building module is in communication with the connection opening of the service module, the service module containing apparatus for the supply and distribution of at least one mains service to the building modules, each building module being free-standing, and being connected to said supply of at least one mains service, wherein the service module is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules, comprising multiple storeys, vertically adjacent modules being connected by a connecting member comprising a resilient flexible insert attached to one module and received in an aperture of the vertically adjacent module.

<sup>12</sup>34. (Currently Amended) A modular building structure according to claim [22] <sup>1</sup>23, wherein the modules are connected.

<sup>13</sup>35. (Previously Presented) A method for constructing a modular building structure, the method comprising; preparing a site on which the building structure is to be located; installing a service module on the prepared site, the service module defining a plurality of connection openings each for connection to a respective separate building modules; each building module having a first end with an opening therein; installing at least one mains supply service to the service module; connecting at least one pre-constructed building module to the service module at a connection opening therein such that the connection opening is in communication with said opening in said first end; connecting the building module to the mains supply service of the service module; and furnishing the service module such that it is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules.

<sup>14</sup>36. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim [38] <sup>13</sup>35, comprising further steps of filling a clearance between the module and ground.

43. (Cancelled)

<sup>16</sup>44. (Currently Amended) A modular building structure according to claim [43] <sup>15</sup>45, wherein the insert is received in each aperture.

<sup>15</sup>45. (Currently Rewritten) ~~A modular building structure according to claim 43;~~ A modular building structure comprising: first and second adjacent building modules, each with apertures that extend into the structure of the building modules, a first fixing member attached to said first building module and extending into its aperture and a second fixing member attached to

said second building module and extending into its aperture, and a flexible resilient insert interconnecting said fixing members and bridging the building modules, wherein each module comprises an access chamber that is open to the inside of the module so as to facilitate insertion of the fixing members and flexible inserts.

<sup>15</sup>  
~~17~~ 46. (Currently Amended) A modular building structure according to claim [43] ~~45~~, wherein the fixing members and insert are disposed in a floor or ceiling cavities in the building modules.

<sup>18</sup>  
~~18~~ 47. (Currently Rewritten) ~~A modular building structure according to claim [43], A~~ modular building structure comprising: first and second adjacent building modules, each with apertures that extend into the structure of the building modules, a first fixing member attached to said first building module and extending into its aperture and a second fixing member attached to said second building module and extending into its aperture, and a flexible resilient insert interconnecting said fixing members and bridging the building modules, wherein the insert is a grommet.

<sup>19</sup>  
~~19~~ 48. (Currently Rewritten) ~~A modular building structure according to claim 22~~ A modular building structure comprising: a service module defining a plurality of connection openings, a plurality of building modules each having a first end with an opening, said first end of each building module being connected to the service module at a respective connection opening such that the opening of the building module is in communication with the connection opening of the service module, the service module containing apparatus for the supply and distribution of at least one mains service to the building modules, each building module being free-standing, and

being connected to said supply of at least one mains service, wherein the service module is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules, wherein the service module has floor and ceiling cavities in which the mains service supplies are routed, wherein the building modules have floor and ceiling cavities for receipt of the mains service supplies.

~~20~~<sup>4</sup> 49. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~26~~<sup>4</sup>, wherein the modules are connected.

~~21~~<sup>4</sup> 50. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~26~~<sup>4</sup>, wherein the mains service supply is air conditioning and each service module is fitted with a heat exchanger and has an external pump for evacuation of warm air.

~~22~~<sup>4</sup> 51. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~26~~<sup>4</sup>, wherein the mains service is for waste disposal and each service module is provided with a holding tank that is connected to a lavatory or wash area of an adjacent building module.

~~23~~<sup>4</sup> 52. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~26~~<sup>4</sup>, wherein one building module is a dedicated plant room that feeds the mains supply service to the service module.

~~24~~<sup>4</sup> 53. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~26~~<sup>4</sup>, wherein the service module has floor and ceiling cavities in which the mains service supplies are routed.

~~25~~<sup>5</sup> 54. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~27~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein the modules are connected.

~~26~~<sup>5</sup> 55. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~27~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein the mains service supply is air conditioning and each service module is fitted with a heat exchanger and has an external pump for evacuation of warm air.

<sup>5</sup>  
27/56. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~27~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein one building module is a dedicated plant room that feeds the mains supply service to the service module.

<sup>5</sup>  
28/57. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~27~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein the service module has floor and ceiling cavities in which the mains service supplies are routed.

<sup>10</sup>  
29/58. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~32~~<sup>10</sup>, wherein the mains service is for waste disposal and each service module is provided with a holding tank that is connected to a lavatory or wash area of an adjacent building module.

<sup>10</sup>  
30/59. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~32~~<sup>10</sup>, wherein the modules are connected.

<sup>10</sup>  
31/60. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~32~~<sup>10</sup>, wherein the mains service supply is air conditioning and each service module is fitted with a heat exchanger and has an external pump for evacuation of warm air.

<sup>10</sup>  
32/61. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~32~~<sup>10</sup>, wherein one building module is a dedicated plant room that feeds the mains supply service to the service module.

<sup>10</sup>  
33/62. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~32~~<sup>10</sup>, wherein the service module has floor and ceiling cavities in which the mains service supplies are routed.

<sup>11</sup>  
34/63. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~33~~<sup>11</sup>, wherein the modules are connected.

<sup>11</sup>  
35/64. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~33~~<sup>11</sup>, wherein the mains service supply is air conditioning and each service module is fitted with a heat exchanger and has an external pump for evacuation of warm air.



~~26~~<sup>11</sup> 65. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~33~~<sup>11</sup>, wherein the mains service is for waste disposal and each service module is provided with a holding tank that is connected to a lavatory or wash area of an adjacent building module.

~~37~~<sup>11</sup> 66. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~33~~<sup>11</sup>, wherein one building module is a dedicated plant room that feeds the mains supply service to the service module.

~~38~~<sup>11</sup> 67. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~33~~<sup>11</sup>, wherein the service module has floor and ceiling cavities in which the mains service supplies are routed.

~~39~~<sup>18</sup> 68. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~47~~<sup>18</sup>, wherein the insert is received in each aperture.

~~40~~<sup>18</sup> 69. (New) A modular building structure according to claim ~~47~~<sup>18</sup>, wherein the fixing members and insert are disposed in a floor or ceiling cavities in the building modules.